

BOROUGH OF TAMWORTH

ANNUAL REPORTS

of

The Medical Officer of Health, and

The Sanitary Inspector

for the Years 1938 to 1942 inclusive.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We beg to present Reports on the health of the Borough during the years 1938 to 1942 inclusive.

Certain information normally given has been omitted in accordance with instructions received from the Ministry of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>1938.</u>	<u>1939.</u>	<u>1940.</u>	<u>1941.</u>	<u>1942.</u>
Birth Rate.	14.9	15.1	16.9	16.7	15.8
Still Birth Rate.	58.0	21.8	59.0	27.0	62.0
Death Rate.	10.2	15.4	13.0	12.9	9.3
Death Rate (using comparability factor.)	10.0	15.09	12.61	---	---
<u>Deaths of Infants under one year.</u>					
(a) All infants per 1,000 live births.	39.3	77.0	48.0	55.29	66.6
(b) Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.	41.4	76.0	50.0	52.6	63.0
(c) Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.	NIL	100.0	NIL	125.0	200.0
<u>Maternal Mortality per 1,000 live plus still births.</u>					
(a) Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis.	NIL	5.4	NIL	NIL	NIL
(b) Other Puerperal Causes.	NIL	NIL	9.0	NIL	NIL
Deaths from Cancer.	16	33	20	15	20
" " Measles.	0	2	0	1	1
" " Whooping Cough.	0	0	0	2	0
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years.)	0	0	0	3.	0

NURSING IN THE HOME.

(a) GENERAL. Under the supervision of the Tamworth District Nursing Association the duties of visiting and nursing the sick are carried out by the nurse provided by that Association.

(b) MIDWIVES. Inspection of Midwives is carried out by the Staffordshire County Council.

LABORATORY WORK.

The County Council has arranged for the carrying out of the various bacteriological and other examinations at their laboratory at Stafford, of specimens sent by Medical Practitioners. Free use is made of these facilities.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

Adoptive Acts.

The Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890.

The Burial Acts, 1852 - 1885.

The Private Street Works Act, 1892.

The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907. - Parts II., III.,
IV., V., VI., and X.

Public Health Act, 1925. - Parts II., III., and IV. (Except
Sections 21, 22 and 24.)

LEGISLATION IN FORCE - Cont.

Local Act.

Tamworth Corporation Act, 1931.

Byelaws.

Public Conveniences, 1910.

Offensive Trades, 1912.

New Streets and Buildings, 1921, 1928 and 1933.

Building, 1939.

Slaughterhouses, 1921.

Pleasure Grounds, 1929.

Nuisances, 1933.

Common Lodging Houses, 1933.

Houses Let in Lodgings, 1933.

HOSPITALS.

There were no changes in the Hospitals, public or voluntary.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Difficulties have arisen with regard to Ambulances removing cases of Infectious Disease, owing to difficulty in finding a driver. In the case of non-infectious disease and accident cases, Civil Defence vehicles have been used, when another ambulance was not available.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

Clinic and Treatment Centres are carried on as in previous years.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Samples were taken monthly for examination chemically and bacteriologically. Satisfactory results have been obtained in every case.

Chlorination. Since March, 17th, 1942 the whole of the water supply has been chlorinated.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOL.

There is one open air Swimming Bath, in which the water is continuously filtered and chlorinated. Bacteriological examinations have given very satisfactory results.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

One Council House and five other houses were found to be infested with bugs and those were sprayed with Zaldocido and Lawvecide. The disinfestation was carried out by the Local Authority.

SCHOOLS.

The Medical Officer of Health is also School Medical Officer, and makes periodical examinations of the school buildings, defects being reported to the Education Authority.

All schools have main supply of water, and water closets.

Special visits have been made by the Medical Officer of Health on the occurrence of cases of Infectious Disease, involving school children.

HOUSING.

The following houses were erected in:-

	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
(i) By Local Authority.	NIL	98	NIL	NIL	NIL
(ii) By Other Local Authorities.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(iii) By Other Bodies and Persons.	20	26	NIL	NIL	NIL
Houses closed or demolished.	11	21	NIL	NIL	NIL

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES. (Other than Tuberculosis) during the year stated.

DISEASE.															
	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.	Under 1 year.	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10.	10 - 15	15 - 20	20 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 60	60 & over.
1938.															
Smallpox.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	-	-	1	-	-	-
Diphtheria.	18	16	-	-	-	2	1	1	9	2	2	1	-	-	-
Enteric Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Incl. Paratyphoid)															
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia	14	-	6	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	3	3	2	2
Erysipelas	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	1	-
Encephalitis -															
Lethargica	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal															
Meningitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ac. Poliomyelitis.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia															
Neonatorum.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1939.															
Smallpox.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	30	29	-	-	1	1	-	5	12	3	6	2	-	-	-
Diphtheria.	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
(Incl. Paratyphoid)															
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	26	-	6	2	1	-	3	4	3	-	-	4	2	4	3
Erysipelas.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2
Encephalitis -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lethargica.															
Cerebro-Spinal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningitis.															
Ac. Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Neonatorum.															
1940.															
Smallpox.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	32	31	-	-	-	2	1	2	14	11	2	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria.	7	5	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-
Enteric Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Incl. Paratyphoid)															
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	34	-	3	2	1	2	1	-	4	4	3	3	5	7	2
Erysipelas.	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-
Encephalitis -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lethargica.															

DISEASE.		Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths	Under 1 year	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 20	20 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 60	60 & over
<u>1940 (cont.)</u>																
Cerebro-spinal																
Meningitis.		4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ac. Poliomyelitis.		2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<u>1941.</u>																
Smallpox.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever.		45	42	1	1	1	6	1	3	17	11	5	2	1	1	1
Diphtheria.		6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Enteric Fever																
(Incl. Paratyphoid.)		3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Puerperal Fever		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pneumonia.		34	1	5	2	1	1	3	1	6	2	2	4	3	5	5
Erysipelas.		6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1
Encephalitis																
Lethargica.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cerebro-spinal																
Meningitis.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ac. Poliomyelitis.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<u>1942.</u>																
Smallpox		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever.		14	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	2	1	1	1
Diphtheria.		2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Enteric Fever.																
(Incl. Paratyphoid.)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Puerperal Fever.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pneumonia.		28	1	5	5	3	3	2	1	2	1	3	2	4	1	2
Erysipelas.		5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Encephalitis																
Lethargica.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cerebro-spinal																
Meningitis.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ac. Poliomyelitis.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Like most other places in the country we have had many cases of Scabies, a disease which was rarely seen in the town before the war. A number of evacuees infected with the disease have been treated at the County Council Sick Bays. Others have been treated at home.

TUBERCULOSIS. New cases and Mortality during the year:-

		AGE PERIODS.									TOTALS.
		0-1	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65&over	
<u>NEW CASES.</u>											
Pulmonary	Male	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	6)
	Female	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	3)
Non-Pulmonary	Male	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1)
	Female	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1)
<u>DEATHS.</u>											
Pulmonary	Male	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	2	8)
	Female	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2)
Non-Pulmonary	Male	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0)
	Female	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0)

TUBERCULOSIS. New cases and Mortality during the year:-

		<u>AGE PERIODS.</u>									<u>TOTALS.</u>
<u>1939.</u>		0-1	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65 & over	
<u>NEW CASES.</u>											
Pulmonary	Male	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	5)
	Female	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	3)
Non-Pulmonary	Male	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	4)
	Female	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	4)
<u>DEATHS.</u>											
Pulmonary	Male	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1)
	Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0)
Non-Pulmonary	Male	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1)
	Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0)
<u>1940.</u>											
<u>NEW CASES.</u>											
Pulmonary	Male	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	1	-	6)
	Female	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	3)
Non-Pulmonary	Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0)
	Female	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2)
<u>DEATHS.</u>											
Pulmonary	Male	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	3)
	Female	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2)
Non-Pulmonary	Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0)
	Female	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2)
<u>1941.</u>											
<u>NEW CASES.</u>											
Pulmonary	Male	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	1	7)
	Female	1	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	6)
Non-Pulmonary	Male	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2)
	Female	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1)
<u>DEATHS.</u>											
Pulmonary	Male	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	1	5)
	Female	-	1	1	-	3	1	-	-	-	6)
Non-Pulmonary	Male	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1)
	Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0)
<u>1942.</u>											
<u>NEW CASES.</u>											
Pulmonary	Male	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	4)
	Female	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1)
Non-Pulmonary	Male	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2)
	Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0)
<u>DEATHS.</u>											
Pulmonary	Male	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	4)
	Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0)
Non-Pulmonary	Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0)
	Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0)

Tuberculosis. There has been no special incidence of the disease among adolescents.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the following years the undermentioned children were immunised against Diphtheria, and the material used as stated below:-

	<u>1938.</u>	<u>1939.</u>	<u>1940.</u>	<u>1941.</u>	<u>1942.</u>
<u>BOROUGH RESIDENTS.</u>					
Under 5 years of age.	10	NIL	NIL	153	226
From 5 years to 15 years.	381	117	107	864	253
<u>RESIDENT IN RURAL DISTRICTS.</u>					
Under 5 years of age.	NIL	NIL	NIL	52	47
From 5 years to 15 years.	39	2	6	289	60
<u>TOTAL CHILDREN IMMUNISED.</u>	430	119	113	1,358	572
Material used:-	TAF	TAF	TAF	APT	APT

The above children resident in Rural Districts who were immunised attended Schools or Welfare Centres in the Borough.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The number of types of closet accommodation existing at the end of the years is set out as below:-

	<u>1938.</u>	<u>1939.</u>	<u>1940.</u>	<u>1941.</u>	<u>1942.</u>
No. of houses.	3, 284	3,377	3,377	3,377	3,377
No. of privies.	6	6	6	6	6
No. of pails.	36	36	36	36	36
No. of water closets.	3,441	3,591	3,600	3,621	3,622
per cent - dry.)	1.2)	100%	
" " - water closets.)	98.8)		

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

Public Health Meat Regulations, 1924, and 1935.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

Animals Slaughtered and Inspected, and amount of Food Condemned and Destroyed as unfit for food during the years:-

	<u>1938.</u>	<u>1939.</u>	<u>1940.</u>	<u>1941.</u>	<u>1942.</u>
<u>Animals Slaughtered & Inspected.</u>					
Cattle.	1,126	1,154	1,515	1,683	1,841
Calves.	325	364	437	418	108
Sheep.	3,343	3,298	7,629	6,057	8,681
Pigs.	3,746	3,685	1,583	651	155
<u>Whole Carcasses Condemned.</u>					
	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Cattle.	560	1,084	21,453	30,024	39,694
Calves.	23	125	194	188	376
Sheep.	NIL	NIL	826	506	398
Pigs.	710	374	1,662	771	424
<u>Part Carcasses & Organs.</u>					
Cattle.	554	1,719	12,880	13,133	16,675
Calves.	NIL	2	53	26	110
Sheep.	5	9	384	196	357
Pigs.	181	565	932	637	241
Other food.	133	126	475	2,743	3,459
<u>TOTAL AMOUNT CONDEMNED.</u>	<u>2,166</u>	<u>4,004</u>	<u>38,859</u>	<u>48,224</u>	<u>61,734</u>

On January 17th, 1940 the slaughtering of animals in private slaughter-houses ceased, and it was all carried out after then at the Government Slaughterhouse, where slaughtering was carried on for the whole of the Borough and District. All animals, except sheep, are killed with the "Cash" Captive Bolt Pistol.

The abnormal amount of condemned meat is accounted for by the extra slaughtering and the fact that all casualties and animals certified under the Tuberculosis Order, are slaughtered at this Slaughterhouse.

REGISTERED PREMISES.

Premises in respect of which Byelaws and Regulations are in force to regulate the trades or businesses carried thereon.

Slaughterhouses.	
Old Registered	8
Annually Licensed	7
Bakehouses.	8
Cowsheds.	9
Milk Purveyors (premises in Boro'.)	12
Milk Purveyors (premises outside Boro', delivering milk in Boro'.)	19
Common Lodging Houses.	1
Offensive Trades -	
Fish Fryers	11
Gut Scrapers	1
Dealers in Rags, etc.	1

